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Sir or Madam,

I would like to express the opinion that the proposed "settlement" of the Microsoft case does not sufficiently punish Microsoft for its past misdeeds and that it will cause my likelihood to suffer.

I am a software engineer, and I am concerned in two ways:

1. I know many colleagues at other companies that have been forced out of business by Microsoft, and the light slap on the wrist that's been given to them does not discourage them from such behavior in the future.
2. From what I've observed, Microsoft's behavior has stifled true innovation in the industry, and for as long as they are permitted to behave as they feel they are entitled to this will continue. Anyone who dares to innovate knows that they will be suffocated by Microsoft. Now they know that the U.S. Department of Justice condones this behavior.

Please do the right thing and punish Microsoft.

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